



# Frequently Asked Questions

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## Why should I make a Will?

A Will is essential because it is the only way to legally guarantee the financial and emotional well-being of your loved ones and ensure your wishes are honoured. Crucially, you will be able to appoint guardians for your children to take over if you are no longer around. It is also important to note that if you are not married or in a civil partnership, Manx law does not recognise a "common law spouse." This means that regardless of how long you have lived together, your partner has no automatic right to inherit. By clearly naming guardians, distributing assets, and appointing Executors, you prevent family disputes and remove a major source of stress for those you love during a time of grief.

## What types of gift can I leave in my Will?

You can support Hospice Isle of Man by leaving four main types of gift in your Will. The most valuable is a Residuary Gift, which is a percentage share of your estate's remainder after other provisions are met; this grows with inflation. Alternatively, you can leave a Cash Gift (a set sum of money) or a Specific Gift (like property, shares, or jewellery). Finally, you can also leave a gift In Trust, specifying that Hospice should benefit either immediately or when the trust ends.

## I can only leave a small gift – can I still help?

Absolutely, every gift helps—no matter the size!

We rely on the thoughtfulness of our community, and the truth is that it's the combined power of all the gifts, large and small, that truly sustains our services. Even a small percentage of your estate, or a specific sum, adds up to make an extraordinary difference. Your gift ensures that we can continue to provide compassionate, expert care for future generations on the Isle of Man.

## Can you help me to write my Will?

We would always recommend that you use an advocate or solicitor when writing your will. This ensures that it accurately reflects your wishes and puts your mind at ease, knowing everything has been done correctly and legally. Our free e-guide to making a Will which can be found on our website ([hospice.org.im/legacies](https://hospice.org.im/legacies)) provides step-by-step guidance on preparing to meet with an advocate or legal adviser and provides answers to some questions you may have.

## Can I choose how you use my gift?

We prefer unrestricted gifts as they allow us to use the funds where the need is greatest. This flexibility ensures your generosity will have the maximum impact on our patients and services, as we can quickly direct the funds to urgent needs, special projects, or wherever budgets are tight. While we can accept gifts restricted to a general area (like "patient care" or "staff education"), we highly encourage unrestricted giving to best support the evolving needs of the Hospice.





### What if I already have a will but would like to leave a gift to Hospice Isle of Man?

If you have already created a Will, there is no need to go through the expense or hassle of writing a new one. You can easily add a gift to Hospice Isle of Man by using a simple, separate legal instruction called a Codicil. A Codicil acts as an official amendment to your existing Will, allowing you to include a gift to us without altering any of the provisions you have already made for your family and friends. Speak with an advocate to ensure the Codicil is legally valid and correctly reflects your wishes.

### Are there any tax benefits for leaving a gift in my Will?

If you are based in the Isle of Man, you will not receive a direct tax benefit for leaving a gift to a hospice in your will, because the island does not have inheritance, estate, or gift taxes. For residents in the UK or any other jurisdiction, your personal tax situation regarding gifts to international charities will depend on the laws of your country of residence. We strongly recommend consulting with an Advocate, Solicitor, or tax professional in your jurisdiction to understand how leaving a gift to Hospice Isle of Man may affect the inheritance tax liability of your estate.

There are however tax benefits to making a financial gift to Hospice in your lifetime. If you would like more information on this then please contact [legacy@hospice.org.im](mailto:legacy@hospice.org.im) or 01624 672222.

### Can I change my mind in the future?

Yes, you can. Whom you decide to be the beneficiaries of your estate is entirely up to you. Circumstances change throughout our lives. You may change your Will as many times as you like to ensure that the people and causes that matter most to you are looked after. We recommend that you see an advocate or solicitor to discuss any changes.

### If I want to include a gift to Hospice Isle of Man in my Will, what information do I need to include?

The following information is essential that you or your advocate or solicitor will need to leave us a gift in your will.

**Registered Company & Charity:** Hospice Care

**Company Number:** 22473

**Registered Charity Number:** 317

**Address:** Strang, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM4 4RP

### Who can I contact at Hospice Isle of Man if I have any questions or need help?

Our legacy administration team can help you find out more about leaving a gift in your Will. Contact them at [legacy@hospice.org.im](mailto:legacy@hospice.org.im) or call 01624 672222

*Thank you for your support*